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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LUNEAU ET AL.

Examiner

William J. Deane

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 – 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0235416 (Chan et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,390,237 (Hoffman, Jr, et al.).

With respect to claims 1,5 – 7, 16, 20, 24 note Paragraph 0015. Note that there is no specific recitation of a telephone call; however note the use of the Internet. Since the Internet connection is usually done by way of dial-up, the claimed limitation is satisfied by inherency. If this is disagreed, such a limitation would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to make a telephone call to receive information. For example, Hoffman Jr. et al. teach making a call to a server and using the area code to represent geographic location in order that the server can give the appropriate weather related information (see Col. 7, lines 9 – 35 of Hoffman Jr, et al.). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have incorporated such a step of using a telephone call to contact the server as taught by Hoffman Jr. et al. into the Chan et al. device and method as such would only entail the substitution of one well-known contact means for another. That is substituting the phone call for the Internet connection.

With respect to claims 2, 17 and 25, note paragraph 0023 Chan et al.

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With respect to claims 3 - 4, 18 - 19 and 26 - 27 note paragraph 0024 Chan et al.

With respect to claims 8 - 10, 14 - 15, 21 - 23 note that the use of ANI or CLID to determine geographic location is so old in the art that no art is required (In addition, note Col. 7 Hoffman Jr., et al.)

With respect to claims 11 and 28, note paragraph 0034 of Chan et al.

With respect to claims 12 and 29, DTMF is notoriously old in the art and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have used DTMF in the place of FSK signals as such would only entail the substitution of one known signaling means for another.

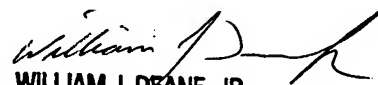
Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 - 29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bill Deane whose telephone number is (571) 272-7484. In addition, facsimile transmissions should be directed to Bill Deane at facsimile number (571) 273-8300.

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